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Introduction

The 2006 resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council was held on 11 October, 30 November and 11 and 15 December 2006. The action taken by the Council at that session is summarized herein.

Chapter VII

General segment

B. Coordination, programme and other questions

1. Reports of coordination bodies

1. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 7 (a) (Reports of coordination bodies) at its 44th meeting, on 11 October 2006. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2006/SR.44). It had before it the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-sixth session (A/61/16).[1]

2. At the same meeting, on 11 October, the Council heard an introductory statement by the Chairperson of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

Action taken by the Council

3. On the proposal of the President of the Council, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-sixth session. See Council **decision 2006/257**.

G. Non-governmental organizations

4. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 12 (Non-governmental organizations) at its 47th meeting, on 11 December 2006. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2006/SR.47). It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2006 regular session (E/2006/32 (Part I));[2]

(b) Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2006 session (E/2006/32 (Part II)).[2]

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/61/16).

[2] The complete report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2006 regular and resumed 2006 sessions will be issued as *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 12* (E/2006/32).

Action taken by the Council

5. Under agenda item 12, the Council adopted **decisions 2006/259**, **2006/260**, **2006/261** and **2006/262**.

Application of the Danish National Association for Gays and Lesbians

6. At its 47th meeting, on 11 December, the Council had before it a draft decision (E/2006/L.24), entitled "Applications for consultative status", submitted by the observer for Finland[3] on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, recommending the granting of consultative status to the Danish National Association for Gays and Lesbians.

7. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of Guinea-Bissau.

8. Also at its 47th meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 23 to 16, with 11 abstentions. See Council **decision 2006/259**. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Panama, Poland, Republic of Korea, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against:

Bangladesh, Benin, Chad, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates.

Abstaining:

Angola, Belize, Costa Rica, Guyana, Haiti, India, Paraguay, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey.

Application of the International Lesbian and Gay Association — Europe

9. At its 47th meeting, on 11 December, the Council had before it a draft decision (E/2006/L.25), entitled "Applications for consultative status", submitted by the observer for Finland[3] on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, recommending the granting of consultative status to the International Lesbian and Gay Association — Europe.

10. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 23 to 17, with 10 abstentions. See Council **decision 2006/260**. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Panama, Poland, Republic of Korea, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

[3] In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

Against:

Bangladesh, Benin, Chad, China, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates.

Abstaining:

Angola, Belize, Guyana, Haiti, India, Paraguay, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey.

Application of the Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany

11. At its 47th meeting, on 11 December, the Council had before it a draft decision (E/2006/L.26), entitled "Applications for consultative status", submitted by the observer for Finland[3] on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, recommending the granting of consultative status to the Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany.

12. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 24 to 16, with 10 abstentions. See Council **decision 2006/261**. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Panama, Poland, Republic of Korea, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against:

Bangladesh, Benin, Chad, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates.

Abstaining:

Angola, Belize, Guyana, Haiti, India, Paraguay, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey.

13. A statement in explanation of vote after the votes on the three draft decisions was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

14. After the adoption of the draft decisions, statements were made by the representatives of China and Benin.

Recommendation contained in the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2006 regular session

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2006 regular session

15. At its 47th meeting, on 11 December, the Council had before it draft decision VI, entitled "Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2006 regular session", recommended by the Committee (see E/2006/32 (Part I), chap. I, sect. A).

16. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Guinea-Bissau and Germany.

17. Also at its 47th meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision. See Council **decision 2006/262**.

18. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Benin and Guinea-Bissau.

Recommendation contained in the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2006 session

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2006 session

19. At the same meeting, the Council had before it draft decision V, entitled "Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2006 session", recommended by the Committee (see E/2006/32 (Part II), chap. I, sect. A).

20. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision. See Council **decision 2006/262**.

H. Economic and environmental questions

1. Sustainable development

21. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 13 (a) (Sustainable development) at its 48th meeting, on 15 December 2006. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2006/SR.48). It had before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session (E/2006/33).[4]

Action taken by the Council

22. Under agenda item 13 (a), the Council adopted **decisions 2006/265** and **2006/266**.

Inclusion of Papua New Guinea in the list of least developed countries

23. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December, the Council had before it a draft decision (E/2006/L.38), entitled "Inclusion of Papua New Guinea in the list of least developed countries" submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

24. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision. See Council **decision 2006/265**.

Recommendation contained in the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session concerning Samoa

25. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December, on the proposal of the President, the Council decided to defer to its 2007 substantive session consideration of recommendation 2, concerning Samoa, contained in the report of the Committee for

[4] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 13* (E/2006/33).

Development Policy on its eighth session (see E/2006/33, chap. I, sect. A). See Council **decision 2006/266**.

2. Science and technology for development

26. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 13 (b) (Science and technology for development) at its 48th meeting, on 15 December. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2006/SR.48). It had before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session (E/2006/31).[5]

Action taken by the Council

27. Under agenda item 13 (b), the Council adopted **decisions 2006/266** and **2006/267**.

Enlargement of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

28. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December, the Council had before it a draft decision (E/2006/L.39), entitled "Enlargement of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development" submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Dalius Čekuolis (Lithuania), on the basis of informal consultations.

29. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision. See Council **decision 2006/266**.

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session

30. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December, on the proposal of the President of the Council, the Council decided to defer further consideration of the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session to its 2007 organizational session. See Council **decision 2006/267**.

I. Social and human rights questions

7. Human rights

31. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 14 (g) (Human rights) at its 46th meeting, on 11 December 2006. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2006/SR.46). It had before it the report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/61/41 and corrigendum).[6]

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[5] Ibid., *Supplement No. 11* (E/2006/31).

[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 41* (A/61/41 and Corr.1).

Action taken by the Council

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

32. At its 46th meeting, on 11 December, on the proposal of the President, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. See Council **decision 2006/258**.

8. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

33. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 14 (h) (Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues) at its 48th meeting, on 15 December. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2006/SR.48). It had before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fifth session (E/2006/43).[7]

Action taken by the Council

34. Under agenda item 14 (h), the Council adopted **decisions 2006/268**, **2006/269**, **2006/270** and **2006/271**.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the Convention on Biological Diversity international regime on access and benefit-sharing and indigenous peoples' human rights

35. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December, the Council adopted draft decision I, entitled "International expert group meeting on the Convention on Biological Diversity international regime on access and benefit-sharing and indigenous peoples' human rights", recommended by the Permanent Forum (see E/2006/43, chap. I, sect. A). See Council **decision 2006/268**.

36. After the adoption of the draft decision, a statement was made by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Subject of the coordination segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Economic and Social Council

37. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December, the Council had before it draft decision II, entitled "Subject of the coordination segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Economic and Social Council", recommended by the Permanent Forum (see E/2006/43, chap. I, sect. A).

38. At the same meeting, upon the proposal of the President of the Council, in the light of the adoption of a theme for the 2007 coordination segment, the Council decided to take no action on draft decision II. See Council **decision 2006/269**.

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[7] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 23* (E/2006/43).

Venue and dates for the sixth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

39. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December, the Council had before it draft decision III, entitled "Venue and dates for the sixth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues", recommended by the Permanent Forum (see E/2006/43, chap. I, sect. A).

40. At the same meeting, the President of the Council read out an amendment to the draft decision, by which the words "at the United Nations Centre in Bangkok" would be replaced by the words: "at United Nations Headquarters in New York".

41. Also at its 48th meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision, as orally amended. See Council **decision 2006/270**.

Provisional agenda and documentation for the sixth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

42. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December, the Council had before draft decision IV, entitled "Provisional agenda and documentation for the sixth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues", recommended by the Permanent Forum (see E/2006/43, chap. I, sect. A).

43. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision. See Council **decision 2006/271**.

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fifth session

44. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fifth session. See Council **decision 2006/271**.

Chapter VIII

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

1. The Council considered the question of elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (under agenda item 1) at its resumed substantive session. The question was considered at its 45th and 48th meetings, on 30 November and 15 December 2006. An account of the proceedings is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2006/SR.45 and 48). The Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of members of the functional commissions of the Council (E/2006/9);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of 14 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund (E/2006/9/Add.4);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of 10 members of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award (E/2006/9/Add.6);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of 10 members of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2006/9/Add.7);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of 20 members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (E/2006/9/Add.9);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General on the appointment of a new member to the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2006/9/Add.10 and 20);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of 24 members of the Committee for Development Policy (E/2006/9/Add.14 and 18);

(h) Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (E/2006/9/Add.15);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/2006/9/Add.17, 19 and 21).

Action taken by the Council

2. Under the agenda item on elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments, the Council adopted **decisions 2006/201 D** and **E**.

Chapter IX

Organizational matters

D. Resumed substantive session

1. The Council held its resumed substantive session of 2006 at United Nations Headquarters on 11 October, 30 November and 11 and 15 December 2006. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2006/SR.44-48).

Action taken by the Council

2. Under agenda item 1 (Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters), the Council adopted **decisions 2006/263**, **2006/264** and **2006/272**.

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization

3. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December 2006, on the proposal of the President of the Council, the Council decided to defer to its 2007 organizational session consideration of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization. See **decision 2006/263**.

Application of the intergovernmental organization International Emergency Management Organization for observer status with the Council

4. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December. the Council decided to defer to its 2007 organizational session consideration of the application of the intergovernmental organization International Emergency Management Organization for observer status with the Council (E/2006/87). See **decision 2006/264**.

5. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the United States of America.

Follow-up to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council

6. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December, on the proposal of the President of the Council, the Council decided to defer to the first meeting of its 2007 organizational session consideration of the focus of its 2007 thematic discussion and the theme for the 2007 annual ministerial review. See Council **decision 2006/272**.

Contributions of relevant subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council, including functional and regional commissions, and the organizations of the United Nations system to the annual ministerial-level substantive review and the Development Cooperation Forum

7. At its 48th meeting, on 15 December, the Council had before it a draft decision (E/2006/L.40) entitled "Contributions of relevant subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council, including functional and regional commissions, and the

organizations of the United Nations system to the annual ministerial-level substantive review and the Development Cooperation Forum", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Dalius Čekuolis (Lithuania), on the basis of informal consultations.

8. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision. See **decision 2006/272**.